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1. The Amendment After Final submitted on January 20, 2009 has been entered in the above-identified application but does not place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants traverse the rejection of the now amended claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Giacobbe et al. (US 5,641,848 A) and submit that the claimed invention is a cast film composition that can be used as a label film and that the now amended claims more clearly define the label film by adding a more precise definition for the high crystallinity of the homopolymer component by incorporating the features of claim 2 into claim 1 (which defines the high crystallinity polypropylene as having a stereoregularity of 94 to 99%). Applicants argue that there is no such polymer with a stereoregularity of at least 94% suggested by Giacobbe and that there is no indication as to why the film in accordance with Giacobbe should be specifically useful as a label film.

However, the Examiner disagrees. First, Giacobbe et al. disclose a blown film or sheet material comprising a broad molecular weight distribution propylene polymer material having a molecular weight distribution M_w/M_n of about 4 to about 60, a melt flow rate of about 0.5 to about 50 dg/min, and xylene insolubles at 25°C. of greater than or equal to 94%. The xylene insolubles are a direct measurement of the crystalline portion of the propylene polymer and hence Giacobbe in fact teaches a polymer having a stereoregularity of at least 94%. Second, the claims are directed to a cast film and not a label.

Hence, the above rejection is maintained.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHEEBA AHMED whose telephone number is (571)272-1504. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8am to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on (571)272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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